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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2011-1099]

Drawbridge Operation Regulations; Annisquam River and Blynman Canal, Gloucester, MA

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of temporary deviation from regulations.

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SUMMARY: The Commander, First Coast Guard District, has issued a temporary deviation from the regulation governing the operation of the SR127 Bridge at mile 0.0 across the Annisquam River and Blynman Canal. The deviation is necessary to facilitate bridge rehabilitation repairs. This deviation allows the bridge to remain in the closed position for 31 days.

DATES: This deviation is effective from December 19, 2011 through January 18, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket are part of docket USCG-2011-1099 and are available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), inserting USCG-2011-1099 in the "Keyword" and then clicking "Search". They are also available for inspection or copying at the Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC, 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The SR127 Bridge, across the Annisquam River/Blyman Canal, mile 0.0, at Gloucester, Massachusetts, has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 7 feet at mean high water and 16 feet at mean low water. The drawbridge operation regulations are listed at 33 CFR 117.586.

The owner of the bridge, Massachusetts Department of Transportation, requested a temporary deviation from the regulations to facilitate bridge rehabilitation repairs, replacement of deck purlins on the bascule spans.

Under this temporary deviation the SR127 Bridge may remain in the closed position from December 19, 2011 through January 18, 2012.

A work platform will be located under the bascule spans across the navigable channel reducing vertical clearance

under the bridge by six feet. The work platform will in place during working hours, 6:30 a.m. through 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The platform shall be removed upon request by calling the bridge at 978-283-0243 or by marine radio on VHF FM channel 13 and 16. On weekends and during non-working hours the platform shall be removed. Vessels that can pass under the draw in the closed position may do so on weekends and non-working hours.

The Gloucester Harbor Master and the local marinas were notified and no objections were received.

In accordance with 33 CFR 117.35(e), the bridge must return to its regular operating schedule immediately at the end of the designated time period. This deviation from the operating regulations is authorized under 33 CFR 117.35.

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